

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first line of the first paragraph of the title page of specification, with the following paragraph:

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Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following paragraph:

--[0021] Fig. 3 [[Fig. 3]] is a screen shot of a buddy list with various statuses displayed in one IM application.--

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following paragraph:

--[0027] The network 130 can be any network, such as a Wide Area Network (WAN) or a Local Area Network (LAN), or any other network. A WAN may include the Internet, the Internet 2, and the like. A LAN may include an Intranet, which may be a network based on, for example, TCP/IP belonging to an organization accessible only by the organization's members, employees, or others with authorization. A LAN may also be a network such as, for example, Netware™ from Novell Corporation (Provo, UT) or Windows NT from Microsoft Corporation (Redmond, WA). The network [[120]]130 may also include commercially available subscription-based services such as, for example, AOL from America Online, Inc. (Dulles, VA) or MSN from Microsoft Corporation (Redmond, WA).--